

Political Parties via Political Satire

Resources

Rick Mercer Report Video Clips

“C-Harmony”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrymIZLxAhY>

“NDP Support Line”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt6pmSdBSmo>

“Liberal GPS”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWfhY_OKmQo

“Bloc Blocker”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_wOgbbXJTQ

“Green Party Ad”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2whYy4N3Eg>

“Real Canadians Party”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ayq5a39KJHM>

Computer/laptop with Internet access (or saved video files)

Projector/screen

Step-By-Step Description

- Hand out Appendix I (Political Parties of Canada & Satire) to students
- Pose question to class “What is a stereotype”, make mind map on the board and follow-up with question on “what are some stereotypes”
- Make sure to deconstruct stereotypes given, present alternative views, etc. Shift discussion to political stereotypes. Ask, “What is satire?”, “What makes good satire?”, etc.
- Introduce party, show video clip and go through questions on assignment sheet with students, play video clip, discuss impressions, go through questions; repeat for each party.

Learning Goals

Students will:

- Identify common and current stereotypes attributed to political parties/personalities
- Learn to laugh and see the humorous side of politics, enjoy politics in a different manner
- Be exposed to the political party system of Canada